

MAIN TITLE

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SUBJECT

COLORADO PLATEAU - THE GRAND CANYON OF THE COLORADO RIVER.

SUB-TITLES

1. This is America's most wonderful canyon.
- 2.. The diagram shows how the Colorado river formed the Grand Canyon.
3. The Colorado river cut these deep chasms. The clear air enables us to see across the canyon. How far is it? Why does the river have this great cutting power?
4. Great layers of sedimentary rocks on a granite base form the Colorado Plateau. These rock layers are pages in the long history of the earth.
5. These rocks were ages ago sediments in the ocean bottom. Can you prove it?
6. These rock layers are 8,000 to 10,000 feet above the sea. The Colorado river slowly cut its deep canyon as the land was elevated.
7. From the canyon's edge far below to the river, it is almost one mile. Follow the cliffs and slopes down to the small silver thread of the river. Niagara Falls, 160 feet, is lost in this great depth.
8. The high cliffs are of hard rock, the slopes are of soft rock. Why are the trails so winding and so difficult?
9. The Cork Screw is a steep part of the Bright Angel Trail.
10. The tiny white line is the trail nearly 2000 feet below.
11. It is a half day's ride to the bottom of this great canyon. The river flows with great velocity. How wide is it?
12. The rushing water is colored deep brown from the mud it carries. It is not fit to drink. There are no fish here. Note the large boulders. The river uses them to cut its bed.
13. The Colorado river is in a deep granite gorge whose nearly vertical walls are 1500 feet high.
14. For ages the rocks have been attacked by wind, frost, rain and temperature changes. Wonderful fantastic forms have been made. Thor's hammer and the Cheops Pyramid are masterpieces of erosion.
15. The rocks are in great layers of red, green, brown and white. The red layer is nearly 1000 feet thick. Each layer represents a time longer than the Coal Age.

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16. The rock layers on the granite are 3000 feet in thickness and the Tower of Set is 2000 feet above the edge of the Granite Gorge.
17. Temples as large as mountains have been carved from the many colored rock layers. Zoroaster Temple from the rim.
18. Mesa-like masses have been left more than 1000 feet high as the rocks were worn away.
19. Isis Temple is three thousand feet high and stands on the platform north of the Granite Gorge.
20. The Colorado Canyon: "It is Beyond Comparison - Beyond Description; Absolutely Unparalleled throughout the Wide World." - Theodore Roosevelt.
21. Grand Canyon is one of the world's wonders. It inspires the artist and the writer. The Indians worshiped it. We marvel at this glimpse of the earth's history.

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